

## Notes on Bible Study

Here are a few hints and suggestions from the *Bible Reader* which will prove helpful to the student of the Word:

The Bible has a word for all men, but its deep secrets are for its friends.

The best way to keep awake over your Bible is to twist yourself into an interrogation point.

Nothing has made more difficulties in the Bible than the modern critic's effort to rid it of difficulties.

We know that we are searching the Scriptures successfully when the Scriptures begin to search us.

Many passages in the Bible are written in the language of the heart. To read them one must first have a heart.

It may do more good to read a few verses than a whole chapter, provided one does not choose the few verses to get through quicker.

To get light on the hard places of the Word one must get into right relations with Him from whom the light must come.

Nothing hides so many passages of Scripture as selfishness. The man who reads the Sermon on the Mount while impressed with the importance of looking out for number one will probably not be the richer by a single idea; let him read it feeling that every man is his brother and he will find more to think about than he can get through with in a lifetime.

## The Mission Field

## MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE

## COURSE OF READING

First Year	Cloth	Paper
1. Crisis of Missions—(Pierson.)	\$1 06	29
2. Armenian Ampitheater.		09
3. Do Not Say.		09
4. Our Country.	51	25
5. Life of Sammy Morris.		10
6. Choice Extracts—(Meyer.)		05
		87

The books, together with other literature, such as circulars giving full particulars how and why to organize and read, description of books, etc., can be had by addressing Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind. Circles should be organized in every congregation.

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## March Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

## GENERAL FUND

O. A. Kanaurer, Pioneer, O.,	\$ 2 00
Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	50
Mrs. J. C. Cassel, Phil'a., Pa.,	30
Elmer Crofoot, Almena, Mich.,	5 00
Buckeye City church, O.,	1 00

J. L. Musselman, Allentown, Pa.,	50
McBlue, Parsons, Kans.,	35
Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Bethlehem, Pa.,	1 00
S. S. C. E. Goshen, Ind., for A. R. Bemenderfer, Cyrus Miller,	5 00
Mission box, Goshen, Ind.,	1 30
Clara Kyler, Lock Haven, Pa.,	25
Tommy Kyler, Martinsburg, Pa.,	25
Mrs. Rapp, Phil'a., Pa.,	1 00
H. C. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	1 00
P. M. Wisman, St. Luke, Va.,	1 50
M. O. Horne, Columbus, O.,	25
Will and Ida Meyers, Nevada, Mo.,	2 00

Total, \$ 23 20

## CHICAGO FUND

J. L. Gillin, Waterloo, Iowa,	\$ 5 00
C. D. Flickenger, " "	80
D. G. Lichty, " "	1 00
E. A. Shauls, " "	40
Barrel collection, Enon church,	4 20
A. J. Hixson, Parsons, Kans.,	5 00
McBlue,	1 00

Total, \$ 17 40

## WASHINGTON FUND

Mrs. S. M. Snader, Keller, W. Va.,	\$ 20
Ed McCormick, " "	1 00
Hagerstown Brethren church,	6 00
National S. S. C. E.,	20 00
Penn'a., S. S. C. E.,	5 00
Johnstown Brethren church,	5 00
Washington City church,	15 38

Total, \$ 52 58

## RECEIPTS

General Fund,	\$ 23 20
Chicago " "	17 40
Washington " "	52 58

Total, \$ 93 18  
Previously reported, 1581 34

Grand total, \$ 1674 52

## EXPENDITURES

Am't paid direct to W. M. Lyon,	\$ 45 48
Order No. 21, for W. M. Lyon,	23 46
" " 22, for J. D. McFaden,	25 00
Cash I. D. Bowman fare to Washington,	4 00

Total, \$ 97 95  
Previously reported, 1479 14

Total, \$ 1577 08  
Balance on hand, \$ 97 44

The above account includes the Foreign Mission fund in which there is a balance of \$104 38, consequently the Home Mission fund is \$6 94 overdrawn, and possibly \$100 due J. D. McFaden.

Unless the church comes to the relief of the Board it will be necessary to close our Missions for the want of funds. *What shall we do brethren?*

It appears that the following items were reported to me twice:

Lagrange, Ind.,	\$ 2 50
Friends, Brooklyn, Iowa,	1 20
K. C. Cornell, Iowa,	2 26
Jr. K. C., Milledgeville,	1 00

Total, \$ 6 96

Being credited twice the above amount was also charged twice against Brother McFaden. Besides the above items there were \$21 35 reported to me in January which were received through the months previous to Jan. 1, which together made my charge against Brother McFaden \$28 31 more than he actually received during that month.

I make this detailed explanation because of the repeated acrimonious references to the matter in the Chicago letters.

As Brother McFaden has not reported to me for

February and March, I cannot furnish a report of moneys sent to him direct. I mention this so that contributors may know why their contributions are not reported.

JACOB C. CASSEL,  
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

## SELECTED MISSIONARY NOTES

—During the more than ninety years of its history the British and Foreign Bible Society has expended over \$60,000,000. The Scriptures or parts of them issued from the society's presses number more than 131,000,000. At present about 1000 colporteurs and Bible women are employed, and almost an equal number are engaged on translation and revision work.

—The *Advance*, while it believes that the Congregationalists, with the exception of the Moravians, are the largest givers in the United States, finds that they fall far short of contributing the tithe. Taking the number of members as given in the Year Book, and the average incomes as computed in the census reports, it finds that the full tithe income for this year would be \$22,050,000, whereas the actual contributions for 1897 were a little short of \$9,000,000. With the full tithe contributions \$10,000,000 could be available for home purposes, each of the three great denominational missionary societies could have \$2,000,000 a year, and there would still be left \$6,000,000 for other objects. "And if the 25,000,000 Church members in the United States should each give a tithe of income, the grand total would be \$750,000,000.

—"A prominent Dutch gentleman, who traveled for years in the Dutch East Indies, speaks thus of his approach to the village bordering on Toba Lake, where the missionaries had established churches: 'To be welcomed in the land of cannibals by children singing hymns, this, indeed, shows the regenerating power of the gospel.'"

—Fiji Christians sent £1,000 (\$5,000) to the famine-stricken in India in June last.

—Burmah's first convert was gathered ten years before Victoria's reign began. When she had been on the throne just forty years, the jubilee gathering of 1878 consecrated the Kho-Thah Byu memorial hall, which represented 40,000 Karen disciples, half of whom were still living.

—A plain case this of righteous indignation: The rector of an Episcopal church has had his heart stirred by witnessing the amount expended in the ornamentation of church edifices, while gifts for the proclamation of the gospel are diminishing, and he writes to the editor of the *Quarterly Message* an indignant protest against such lavish expenditure: "While the living stones, missionaries after Christ's own example, already half starved, are being cut down, shut out, despised, and rejected of their brethren, Pharisees and Sadducees, Greeks and Herodians, throng the temple, saying: 'Behold these great stones! What manner of marble and oak and gold paint are here! See our jeweled cross and fine glass;' and Lazarus,